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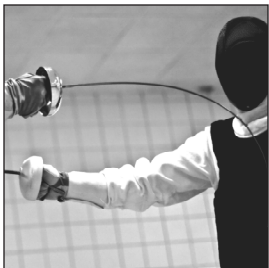
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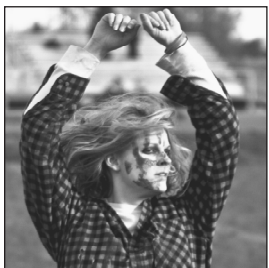
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# The Advocate

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## Dragons sports hit the air waves

Students team up for sports commentary show

BY JENNY HILLEREN  
 Staff Writer

Forget about John Madden, MSUM, and make way for a new and more local group of sports fanatics and their commentaries.

KMSC, the school radio station located on the MSUM campus, will now be featuring a new radio show dedicated to Dragons sports and other sporting segments.

"This is a great opportunity to inform our campus and the surrounding community about Dragon athletics," said Aaron Lund, a junior at MSUM and one of the four students responsible for the development of the new sports show.

"While this show will give MSUM publicity, it is also a way to get the student radio station back out there,"

sophomore Chase Miller said.

On air, Miller, Lund, Eric Hanson and Rex Larson will discuss and commentate on the local sporting events of the MSUM Dragons.

There will be several other segments in the two hours of airtime consisting of other sports recaps, a fantasy draft and Scotty's Corner, a segment named for Larry Scott, former MSUM sports information director, who retired after 40 years.

"We're just four guys who really have a passion for sports, and it's a great way to share an athlete's story with our peers," Hanson said.

Their passion was apparent during the program. Even when the students are off air, conversation still per-

tains to their favorite players and sport statistics, with absolutely no discrimination to any particular sport.

They are truly avid sports fans, which will be apparent to all who listen to the program.

"It's a great way to talk about our interest in sports," Larson said. "It's also step one to achieving fame!"

The commentaries of Miller, Lund, Hanson and Larson can be heard every Friday afternoon from 2 to 4 p.m. on KMSC 1500 AM. Students can feel free to call in with questions or comments during that time at 218.477.2115, or simply listen to stay up-to-date with the Dragons.

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Rex Larson and Chase Miller talk on the new Dragon Radio sports show on Friday, Oct 30.

## Sciences receive grant for wet labs



NATHAN BERGESON / THE ADVOCATE

The science department received a grant for wet labs, which will be located in basement of the science lab and will deal with biological materials.

BY AMBER OLDS  
 Staff Writer

MSUM's science department received \$700,000 in grant money to build new wet labs.

The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development and the City of Moorhead's Economic Development Authority partnered in giving the grant to MSUM.

The new wet labs will be built in the basement of the Science Lab building, and they will allow students to take courses that are now unavailable because the correct facilities are not present.

EDA approved the \$350,000 grant if DEED would match the amount, said Dan Kirk, the vice president of administrations and facilities.

"It's fairly unique that

DEED would fund an on campus development," said Mark Wallert, professor of biosciences at MSUM. "It is designed to help businesses in the community."

According to DEED's Web site, "It is the state's principal economic development agency...The agency's mission is to support the economic success of individuals, GRANT, BACK PAGE

## MSUM hosts MnSCU leadership summit

BY MEGAN NITSCHKE  
 Editor

Last spring, MSUM dealt with the worst flood in Red River Valley history. Students worked hard to save the city, and through their effort, were successful.

The 2009 flood was a time of chaos, hard work and dedication. It provided MSUM students, faculty, administration and staff with flood protection knowledge, as well as firsthand experience on how to save the city by sandbagging.

On Monday and Tuesday, MSUM hosted the MnSCU Leadership Summit in the CMU Ballroom. Attending faculty shared flood experiences and insight with surrounding college administrators.

This event, which included all 32 MnSCU presidents and campus emergency managers, focused around the theme of the 2009 flood.

"The purpose (of this summit) is to share flood experiences and what was learned last year to help

other colleges be prepared," said Executive Director of Public Relations Doug Hamilton. "We met to discuss something that requires a massive response. We know the potential for this (flood) incident is there."

The event featured MSUM's director of Campus Security, Michael Parks, who was the emergency manager during the flood. Hamilton said that Parks was perfect for the position and did a great job managing the quick response that was required.

Hamilton said that MSUM's dedication to the flood that was not only through fervent sandbagging, but also commitment to communication reported and spread through campus media outlets.

The accomplishments of students and administration were all recognized at the summit, along with annual business dealing with budgets and other important logistics.

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## Fencing provides exercise for mind, body

By Katie Schroeffer  
Staff Writer

The members of the MSUM Fencing Team encourage fellow students to try out the precision-based sport.

Nathan Roy, sophomore and vice president of the fencing club, described fencing as physical chess. Fencing is as much of a physical thing as it is a mental sport. Although it may not be a typical, well known sport, it still has a place at MSUM.

For a year now, MSUM has had a fencing club. The club is open to anybody willing to try something new. People come and go in the fencing club, some nights having as many as 15 to 20 members there.

They meet every Monday and Wednesday from 7:30-9:00 p.m. in Nemzek dance studio room 208. The coaches are Bob Bianco, Jason Schoenack and Enrique Alvarez. Jen Neuteboom is the club president.

"If I could fence every day, I would," Roy said. He started fencing eight months ago, a spur of the moment decision because he thought it sounded differ-

ent and fun. He has competed twice, with tournaments being held all around the F-M area.

Fencing dates back to the 17th century when it was common for men to walk around with swords, dueling out their conflicts.

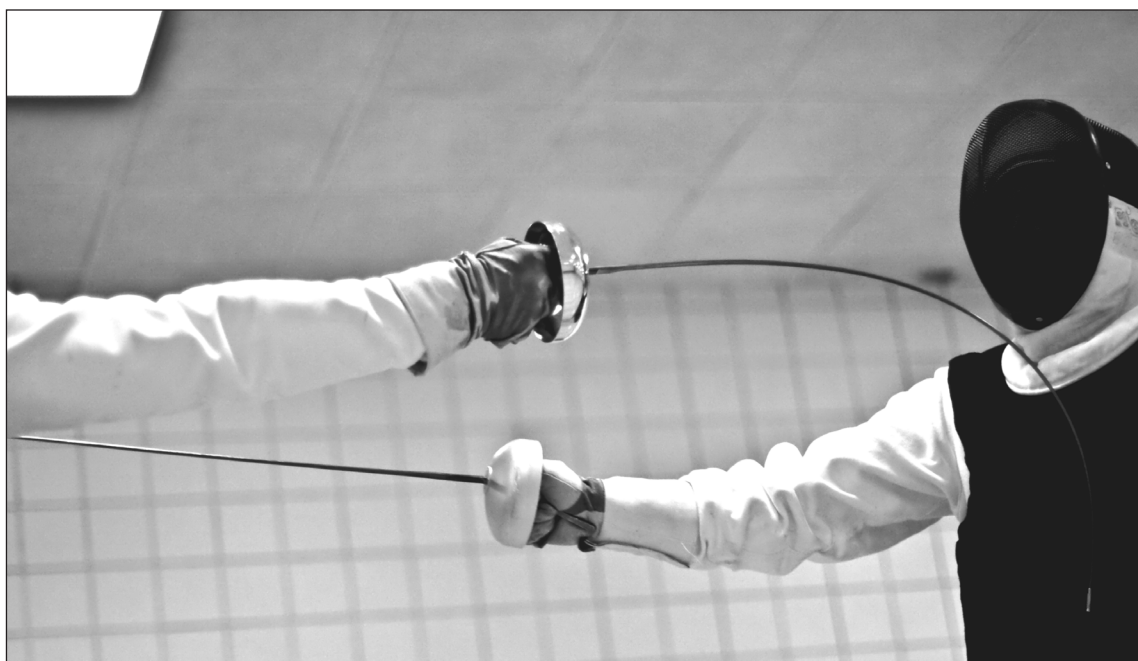
There are three different weapons that are used for fencing: foil, epee and sabre. Each weapon has its own physical attribute that varies the form of fencing, and many forms exist today. The MSUM club focuses mainly on foil with Olympic rules, taught by Coach Bob Bianco.

For those who consider joining the club, or want something new to try, fencing is easy to pick up.

"Anyone can fence," Roy said. In this sport, one is always learning something new.

Besides the fencing club there is also a PE 189 one-credit fencing course on Monday and Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m..

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ABBY PAUL / THE ADVOCATE

Students fence in the Nemzek dance studio room 208. The club practices from 7:30-9:00 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday.

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## Overseas wireless traveling tips

Q&A

By Leslie Wood  
Features Editor

Traveling overseas can be an exciting experience -- and with the correct technology, it can be less stressful to stay connected to family and friends.

Ryan Malmquist, manager of the Verizon Wireless Communications Store located in the West Acres Shopping Center answered several questions about proper technology overseas.

**What are the first steps a student should take to stay connected when going overseas?**

Check with your wireless carrier to make sure you have a global device and the right type of plan for how you want to stay connected overseas. If you have an e-mail account, make sure you set it up for global usage. Verizon Wireless offers a variety of global devices as well as USB modems for laptop computers.

**How soon should a student start preparing their electronics for a trip overseas?**

It is a good idea to start planning as soon as possible, especially since students want to stay connected now more

than ever. We suggest coming into a Verizon Wireless store with their travel information and we can help set up everything they need so they will be connected when they travel.

**What are some common mishaps that occur with electronics when traveling in other countries?**

Not being connected while traveling can be a problem, which is why we suggest making sure you have a global capable phone and plan. Another problem can be having no technical help with troubleshooting while traveling. Verizon Wireless has a 24-hour, 7-day-a-week global helpline to help with any issues that may come up. Information is also available on our Web site at: verizon-wireless.com/global.

**What plans are offered for students either traveling or studying abroad?**

For students traveling internationally for less than 21 days, Verizon Wireless offers short-term rental solutions with your same phone number. For longer trips, there is a wide selection of plan options for students to choose from depending on their specific needs and budget.

**How much should a student expect to pay for their electronics to be ready for overseas?**

That will depend on their carrier and the plan they have. The best advice is to check with your carrier

before you go so you know what plans are available.

**For students with a tighter budget what are some possible options?**

Verizon Wireless has global travel options for every kind of budget, so the most important step to take is planning ahead to find the plan that best fits your budget and needs.

**What kind of coverage does a student need to stay connected?**

The necessary coverage depends on the destination and what the student would

like to use the device for, so it's important to determine if your wireless carrier offers both voice and data service at your destination. Verizon Wireless provides coverage in more than 220 destinations for voice calls and 180 destinations for data usage, but all carriers will differ.

**What is a common misconception about technology being used overseas?**

Many people travel overseas with the assumption that their current device will work exactly as it does at home. This is not always the case, and that is why it is so

important to plan ahead and choose the best device and plan for your specific trip.

**What help is available if a problem occurs with a student's electronic device when overseas?**

Verizon Wireless provides a 24-hour 7-day-a-week Global Support helpline that students will be able to reach from any destination, and all of the necessary information is given on a convenient information card and wallet guide before you leave the country.

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# Advocate looks for student support and input

With the update of The Advocate’s Twitter and Facebook accounts, hope of increasing the popularity of the newspaper with students is becming more obtainable.

The Advocate strives for student recognition and support because the entire concept of the paper is based on providing students, faculty and staff with weekly news.

As the popularity of tangible newspapers diminishes, The Advocate is working toward alternative news outlets, such as our Web site and making it easier to use.

Facebook and Twitter also give the readers another place to keep up with news, voice comments and make story suggestions.

The Advocate is asking for your support. Many students contribute effort to the success of the paper and ultimately in hopes of better informing the public.

Tell your friends about The Advocate, and if you’re a professor, encourage your students to read it. The publication is an important part of our campus community.

It’s vital for students to be informed about their campus, the issues that affect them—that’s what The Advocate provides.

In addition, it’s an outlet for students to engage in discussion with each other over issues at school and the events that take place here.

Also, MSUM has a sizeable student population in the mass communication major, and these students could benefit from being involved in our organization in some capacity.

We are always looking for feedback and will be putting together an online survey to gauge our readership and the improvements they would like to see.


There will be a link on the MSUM homepage to The Advocate page where the survey will be posted. Please look for the survey in the future and help us by completing it.

The opinions expressed in The Advocate are not necessarily those of the college administration, faculty or student body.

The Advocate encourages letters to the editor and your turn submissions. They should be typed and must include the writer’s name, signature, address, phone number, year in school or occupation and any affiliations. Letters are due by 5 p.m. Monday and can be sent to MSUM Box 130, dropped off in The Advocate office or e-mailed to [advocate@mnstate.edu](mailto:advocate@mnstate.edu).

# Opinion

## Come on Democrats



Tony Mansourian

Columnist

Almost a year ago exactly, liberals and progressives hooted and hollered as America elected Barack Obama to the office of president, in what many took as a resounding rejection of Bush-era neoconservative cowboy politics. One of Obama’s promises as a candidate was lasting and decisive reform of a health insurance machine that put profits before patients. This spring, he began working to this effect, amidst rousing cries of socialism, fascism and possibly lizard person-ism. The summer has now run down, and the battle for humane health care seems as deadlocked as ever. But why?

Conservatives, of course, are the traditional enemies of equality and progress, basing their platforms solidly on defending the interests of corporations at all costs. It comes as no surprise that they oppose health care reform. Conservative resistance to social progress is an expected part of political life.

Conservatives, however, now form a distinct minority in Washington. Voters in 2006 and 2008 soundly voted out Republicans around the country. When Obama took office, many liberals were excited; here was a progressive candidate backed by a large Democratic majority, poised to make real reforms and combat the lingering ghost of Reagan.

Health care reform marked the first real battle between progress and corporate interest in the Obama presidency and the results

haven’t been encouraging. At every step, Democrats have caved in to Republican demands; the conservatives barking about socialism and the death of the free market have been appeased, respected, and encouraged, and progress has ground to a halt. Within the party, the so-called “Blue Dog” Democrats have acted as Republicans in all but name, opposing any measure of law that may threaten health insurance provider profits. Obama has proven himself unwilling to push around his opponents, politicians fully in the pocket of corporate interests, on both sides of the aisle, have had free reign to dictate the terms of debate.

Now is not the time for bipartisanship and subtle politicking. America alone in the civilized world brokers health insurance as a commodity for the highest bidder. The voices of the people are clear, and the politicians have received their mandate—now is the time for the Democratic majority and our president to show that they are devoted to providing real reform, lest they lose that mandate. We’ve rejected conservative policies of profits-before-people; that means we’ll reject Democrats who follow these policies, too.

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## An open dialogue with GSA

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The GSA celebrates the letter to the editor by Eric Sorenson in The Advocate’s newspaper of Thursday, Oct 22. 2009. Eric has done what few people do, and that is to ask questions and seek mutual understanding through dialogue. If everyone were like Eric, we would not need to address issues such as violence and hate crimes.

Eric brings up several good questions. For example, he focuses heavily on the idea that “everyone has their own opinions” and he sees the defacing of the Coming-Out Week sidewalk chalking as merely “voicing their opinions.” We in the GSA celebrate freedom of speech and ideas; indeed, that very freedom is what allows us to continue progress on equal rights for minorities such as the GSA. As our very name suggests, we are an alliance of both gay and straight, and we celebrate consensual human sexuality of both orientations. However, Campus Security has a strict policy against chalking sidewalks without permission. In fact, the GSA received permission prior to chalking, and those students who defaced the sidewalks did no such thing, making their act a violation of Campus Policies, which we as students agree to follow by attending MSUM.

In his article, Eric argues that those who say the acceptance of homosexuality are “ignorant of the fact that there are many people in the world who don’t accept it.” With all due respect to Eric, the GSA undeniably believes that the full acceptance of homosexuals in our society is a human right. The gay community has been called many

names, “ignorant” among them. However, we are not ignorant of those against us. Many of us in the MSUM GSA have had our loved ones disown us, our churches abandon us, and are well aware there are people who disagree with us. However, just because most people believe an idea is right, does not make it so. We encourage Eric and other like minded individuals to look into the idea of “tyranny of the majority” which has been written about by famous minds from Plato to Nietzsche.

The Supreme Court of the United States has regularly ruled that hate speech that does not incite a specific action against a minority group is legal. Misogyny, racism and homophobia are as rampant as ever, and are legal. However, only the ideas are legal. The action is not. The GSA is happy to announce that on Wednesday, Oct 28. 2009, President Barack Obama signed into law that adds homosexuals and trans persons into Federal Hate Crime law.

Eric, thank you again for your inquiry. We welcome you and all other individuals who will treat us with the respect of kind dialogue, to visit a GSA meeting at the Rainbow Dragon in the CMU on Thursdays at 5 p.m.

MEMBERS OF THE MSUM GSA



# Opinion

## Think and consider your friends

Recently, one of my closest friends moved to Oregon. That got me thinking. She and I were the best of friends growing up, but due to school, work and other circumstances that disable two people from living in the same vicinity, we have been living our own individual lives for the past five years.

This same occurrence is one that I have experienced several times, too many, in fact, over the years. However, it wasn't until after this move that I finally asked the question, "What enables us as people to survive simple



Jenny Hilleren

Columnist

everyday occurrences without our closest friends by our side?"

The Dalai Lama once said, "We humans are social beings. We come into the world as the result of other's actions. We survive here in dependence on others. Whether we like it

hardly surprising that most of our happiness arises in the context of our relationships with others." Two words, Mr. Dalai Lama: True that!

Since moving to Fargo six years ago, I have made many friends and acquired relationships that I know will last for

or not, there is hardly a moment of our lives when we do not benefit from other's activities. For this reason, it is

as long as we want them to. Nevertheless, the fact that there are other people absent from my life is inescapable.

Each relationship, friends or otherwise, has brought significant meaning to my life, and the thought that people can come and go so easily is unsettling. Those people who aren't with me day after day, though, still hold momentous importance in my life and I just want to express my gratitude towards them. That's not to say, however, that I am not eternally grateful for those whose presence is within grasp every day.

Plain and simple, I think it needs to be noted that in our lives we will encounter many new relationships, say good-bye to many more, but, without a doubt, they all will have a profound impact on the people we are. The thing that enables us to survive when those that we care about are gone, I believe, is that we were once lucky enough to have encountered them in the first place.

Want Jenny to be there for you?  
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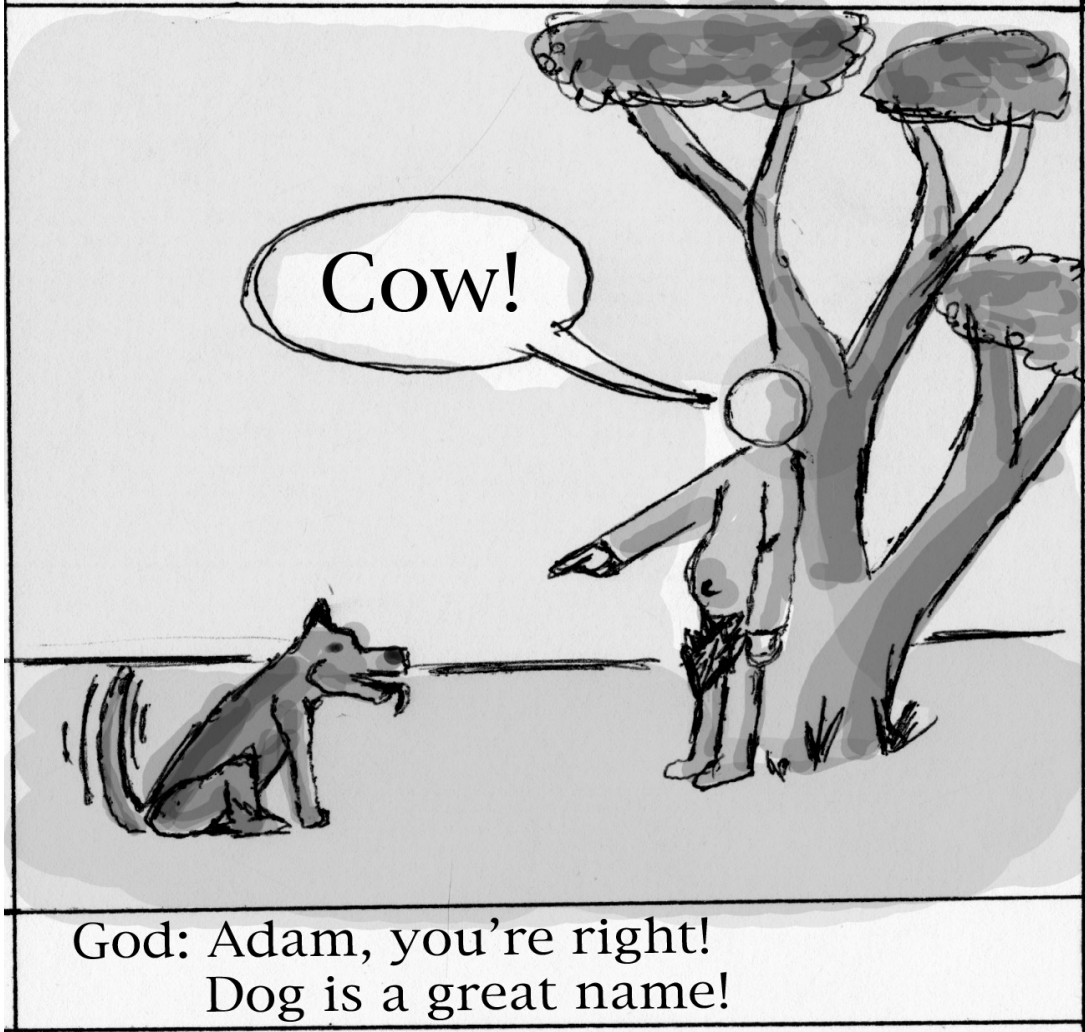


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## Fixing the Economy



Ross Peterson

Columnist

It has been brought to my sudden attention that we are in an economic crisis. Jobs are being lost, people are becoming unemployed, and families are struggling to live on \$100,000 salaries (see CNN). While the current

administration tries to fix the last administration's blunders, I feel it is my duty and obligation to inform you and the government of some easy steps on how to fix the economy.

I will begin with the easiest step of all: Take all of the profit by so-called musician's concerts and use it as a stimulus. One Hannah Montana concert alone produces \$2.5 million according to recent concert box-office records. Whatever Montana is doing, it's certainly not music. The money is going to a better cause than lining the pockets of everyone who works for a no-talent singer like Miley Cyrus. Just look at the news; middle-aged moms are actually fighting each other to buy their child's love.

Tween boys and girls are the most dominating force of all and parents will stop at nothing to pay \$66 per ticket.

Secondly, another easy step, make prostitution legal. According to Webster's dictionary, a service is the occupation or function of serving. Well, serving is good isn't it? Why not prostitution? Two things that are perfectly legal combined into one. Selling is legal, and so is sex, but selling sex is illegal? This contains no logic at all.

This is certainly a satisfactory solution to not just one, but two problems in America: the latter being ugly men not being able to have the time to find someone. Since this is a service, it's also entirely possible to tax! Now everyone is happy.

Lastly, fine Blizzard Entertainment for making the most addicting drug of all. This substance is so powerful and so incredibly dangerous, yet remains legal and unrestricted to this day. This substance is known as World of Warcraft. Its street names include "WOW" and "warcrack." For \$15 a month, these disgusting druggies sit for hours a day, just staring at the drug. Most of these warcrack addicts actually subscribe to this drug, and according to reports, there are 10 million of them. Should this drug remain legal, it is very simple to tax, and these addicts would be more than willing to spend tens of dollars more of their parent's money to feed their fix.

Well it looks like my work is done. You may now call your local congressmen and women if they haven't been alerted. Tell them Ross sent you. You will all thank me later.

Have more points? E-mail Peterson  
at petersonro@mnstate.edu

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"What hardships are you facing in today's economy?"

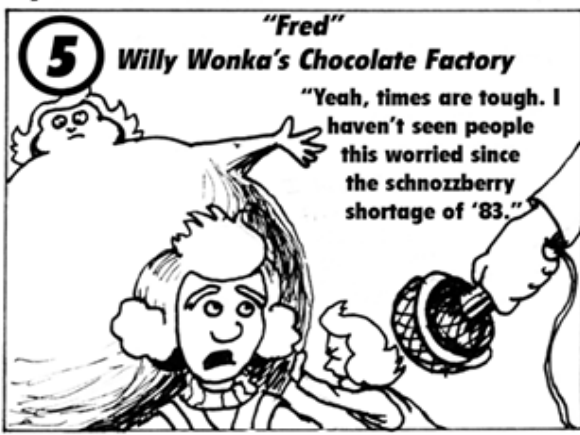
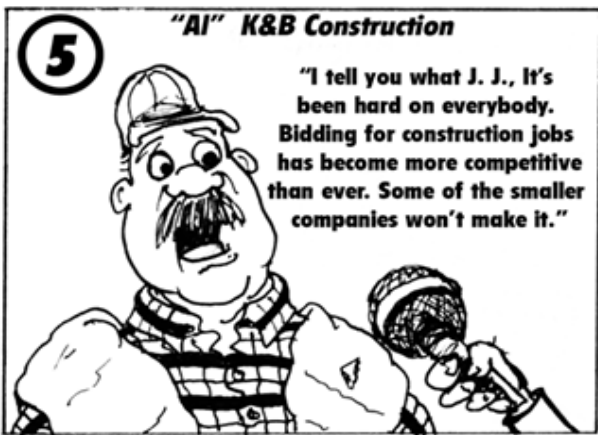


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## Acappella Xpress is an entertaining experience

BY ANNA GEORGE  
A&E Editor

Get ready for some quality entertainment by a group of women who use the power of their voices to provide a memorable experience. Acappella Xpress will be performing Saturday on the MSUM Gaede Stage.

Acappella Xpress is made of about 35 women, aged 13 to 80 from the surrounding towns and communities who have a passion for singing and enjoy a good time.

The group has been in existence for over 50 years. When it first started, there were 60 to 70 members.

"I took over musical director about two and a half years go," Gerber said. "We had some rebuilding to do and I am hoping we will eventually get the numbers back up."

The chorus welcomes those who want to listen during their



SUBMITTED PHOTO

**Acappella Xpress is a women's show chorus. Above, they are surrounding musical director, Brent Gerber. They will be performing at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday at the Gaede Stage.**

practices at 7 p.m. Thursday nights at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, as well as those who want to join. Those who want to become part of the group are required to do a simple audition, making sure they can hold their own in a quartet or small group.

"For college kids who don't want to make a big commitment to a college chorus and are looking for something fun, this is a great outlet," Gerber said.

Acappella Xpress has performed at a variety of places such as nursing homes, com-

pany functions and community events.

They also hold a fundraiser for breast cancer called "It's a Chick Thing." Sometimes the women perform with the men's acappella group, Great Plains Harmony.

Normally the women's

show doesn't follow a script, but at the Saturday performance, actors will assist them with their unique musical, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Broadway." In it, a small town community theater group gathers together with their kooky musical director to choose a musical for the season.

"It's good quality family entertainment," Gerber said. "Nothing you couldn't bring your smallest child to but adults will enjoy it just the same."

If you want to join or learn more about Acappella Xpress please visit [www.acappellaxpress.com](http://www.acappellaxpress.com).

Acappella Xpress performs Saturday on the Gaede Stage at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$7 for students; group rates are available.

For more ticket information call the MSUM Box Office at 218.477.221.

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## Always a surprise with Bearded Men

BY ANDREW JASON  
Staff Writer

Laughter fills Babb's Coffee House as the Bearded Men Improv troupe takes the stage. Smiles and laughter radiate from the audience as they escape from the stress of everyday struggles to share a punch line.

Since 2006, Bearded Men Improv has been entertaining Fargo-Moorhead by providing a unique experience for anyone interested in having a good time.

The troupe is composed of 10 members, each lending providing his own personality to the show, working together to create a unique and hilarious event.

"It is a privilege to have the opportunity to do something you love with friends you love," said Torrey Halverson, a member of Bearded Men. "To hear the audience laugh is gold and to hear them not laugh is silver."

The beauty of improv is that nobody knows what's going to happen next, not even the actors. Every show is a completely different experience from the previous one.

Audience participation is a major component in each show. Suggestions are drawn from the audience for each scene, giving the audience the opportunity to script the scene.

"It's pretty fantastic to step on stage and have no idea what you're going to say and say it and have it make a little bit of sense," troupe

member Luke Vonasek said.

Bearded Men has been dedicated to the search and advancement of improv as both an art form and entertainment, according to its Web site.

That search has taken them all across the country to improv festivals and workshops. The most worthwhile training came from Second City in Chicago where such greats as Tina Fey, Chris Farley, Stephen Colbert and countless others performed and studied.

"Second City is really the improv capital of the world," Halverson said.

When the Bearded Men began in 2006, there were seven members. It has now expanded to ten members. The troupe's popularity has been growing since, especially since they began working with Performance Avenue, a student organization at MSUM.

The Bearded Men also hold workshops for anybody interested in improvisation. These workshops are not only designed for performance settings but for improving one's group skills. Improvisation is a tool that can be used to teach quick-thinking and teamwork.

Bearded Men is a treat for audiences of all ages for a cheap price.

This year Bearded Men is starting an improv jam in the Green Room in the Center for Arts at 10:30 p.m., following the Thursday shows at Babbs. These jams are open to anyone who wants



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**From left to right, Travis Kuntz, Matthew Pitner and Joe Rapp perform in the Bearded Men Improv at the Gaede stage at MSUM.**

to have a good time and learn about improv.

"They're really funny," said MSUM sophomore Lindsey Bradseth. "They're worth more than the \$3 you pay for them."

Bearded Men consists of Cody Bushee, Torrey Halverson, Travis Kuntz, Tyler Michaels, Steven

Molony, Matthew Pitner, Joe Rapp, Josh Stenseth, Lucas Vonasek and Paul Vonasek. They perform every first, third and fifth Thursday of the month at Babb's Coffee House located at 604 Main Ave. in downtown Fargo.

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## Movie for Jackson lovers

BY EVAN WICKER  
Staff Writer

"This Is It" opens with teary dancers telling how much they appreciate the opportunity to work on this tour and how excited they were to perform with Michael Jackson. But this was it; there was no tour, just a movie to show those who would have never made it to London's O2 arena just how amazing this show was going to be. Sparing no expense, it would have been amazing.

Starting the show with "WannaBeStartinSomething," Jackson has a hard time dancing and singing at the same time, but it doesn't take long before the dancers join him on stage and he is in the groove of the show.

After "Jam," the rest of the show is a line up of all the Jackson hits including, "Thriller," "Billie Jean," "Beat it," "Bad" and "The Way You Make Me Feel." The under-appreciated songs make their way into the show for hard-core Jackson fans such as

"Human Nature" and "Earth Song."

The show closes with "Man in the Mirror," asking people to re-evaluate the way we are treating the Earth.

"This Is It" shines a light on Jackson, a good light that the media hasn't given him in a long time. Whether he is singing a cappella or with the band, made up of the best instrumentalists, he sings just like he would on any record. If anyone dares to make a mistake, he will stop everything to point out how it needs to be perfect. Many of the cues of the show are solely based on when Jackson signals it. Perfection isn't just a requirement; it's an absolute.

Jackson fans will love the movie. There is no doubt about it. There is a sense of musicianship that can also be appreciated from the deceased star, but it will not win over any haters. For those who loved him, the movie is worth it.

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## MSUM faculty Music Industry Summit

Advocate Staff Reports

The third annual MSUM Music Industry Summit will feature jazz faculty members Tom Strait, Nick Fryer, Allen Carter, Simon Rowe and Bill Law, who will be joined by Lucia Newell and Steve Wiese.

Newall has been heard around the world singing background vocals on numerous recordings.

Wiese has been producing, engineering and mastering records and CDs for over 30 years at his studio, Creation Audio, in Minneapolis, and throughout the world.

His credits include platinum, gold and other award-winning recordings of many national, regional, local and numerous international artists. Wiese has worked in virtually all genres of music from

pop to jazz to various ethnic forms. He also continues to be in demand as a live concert engineer and front-of-house mixer.

An outstanding tri-college jazz combo will open the show, helping to mark the official launch of MSUM's student record label "Undeclared Records."

The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Admission to the event is \$5 for students and adults.

Thursday at 10 a.m., Newall and Wiese will each present workshops in the Center for the Arts and will come together for a panel discussion with MSUM Professors Jackson and Rowe at 1:30 p.m. on the Gaede Stage.

The workshop and panel events are free and open to the public.

## Group offers a variety of sounds

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Looking for a combination of sounds such as Evanescence, Sevendust, Type O Negative and Alica in Chains? Then Kamilla is your type of band.

Kamilla started in early 2006 with bass player Christina Sabot, lead guitar and graduate of MSUM Aubrey Kurtz, and current MSUM student Jennifer Rathert Hughes on keyboard.

They started playing shows in October 2006 after they hired drummer Pat Hewitt and lead vocal Sarah Braaten.

Soon after the band made their first CD, "Nothing's Left," recorded at Cathouse Studios in Sioux Falls, SD.

In winter of 2009, Hewitt left the band, leaving remaining Kamilla members to hire Johnny Holland a few months later.

Kamilla started working on their next CD, "Beneath the Roots." It took six months to



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produce and most of the writing took place the last three months.

"Beneath the Roots" contains 12 songs which the entire band took part in writing. Songs like "Peace and Quiet," "Screaming Daisies" and "Window Pain" were worth the wait.

All of the artwork, includ-

ing the 24-page booklet, was done by Holland and photographer Scott Thuen.

The CD release is scheduled to be at Rick's Bar in Fargo on Friday, Nov. 13 along with "The Final Drive" opening. On Saturday, Nov. 14 the "Vindictus" opening will take place.

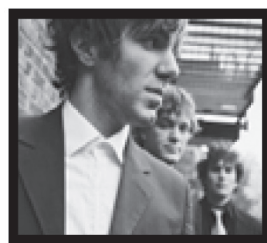
## Musicians!

The Advocate is looking for local MSUM musicians or bands to be featured in the A&E band profiles. If you are part of a band and would like to get your group's name known, please contact [advocate@mnstate.edu](mailto:advocate@mnstate.edu).

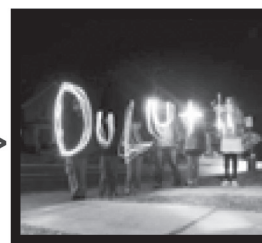


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# Nemzek setup crew helps out

Setup manager Kelsey Fehl keeps events running smoothly at the fieldhouse



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Prasanna Shrestha cleans a mirror in the men's bathroom after a volleyball game on Oct 23. He and others from Nemzek setup crew help to keep athletic events running smoothly.

BY LOGAN GROSSMAN  
Staff Writer

It's that time of the year again. Footballs are flying toward the end zone and basketballs float through the air in the journey to the hoop.

One thing that is often overlooked is the setup behind all the events. Someone has to set up the ticket booth, the concession stand and the field itself. This is where Kelsey Fehl and the rest of the Nemzek setup crew come into the picture.

Fehl is the assistant coach for the MSUM Dragons softball team, but also takes on an immense responsibility of setup management for MSUM events held on campus.

There is a lot of time and effort put into preparing for an athletic event.

"For every game, I have to start ahead of time, sometimes earlier in the week," Fehl said. "I have to hire workers, these usually include student athletes, to take on tasks such as ticket booth and snack bar."

Fehl's student workers allow her to accomplish everything she needs to during the day. These students accomplish tasks like washing mirrors, sweeping the fieldhouse and helping with the general operation of the facilities.

On the day of the event, Fehl sets up the booths and sound system. She also greets the visiting team and shows them to their locker room to make sure they have everything they need.

Once the game starts, the hard part is over. Half time consists of assisting with contests and the dance team. After the game, clean-up starts.

Fehl arrives to set up for games several hours before the event begins and stays for the entire day. She said that the tasks she needs to accomplish cannot always be done right away.

For Fehl, setting up and cleaning are things that are not as difficult as they used to be.

"I've been doing this for a long time," she said. "It comes naturally to me now, and it's not so stressful anymore. We show up and get done a lot quicker now than we used to."

Not every event is the same to set up for, so Fehl's work keeps her on her toes.

Fehl said football is the hardest athletic event to set up for.

"There's a lot more that goes into football events because there usually tends to be bigger crowds," Fehl said.

With bigger crowds, more things need to get done and more people need to be hired.

"When it comes down to it, generally every event has its goods and bads and usually seems to be about the same in general setup," Fehl said.

Fehl's job cannot be brushed off too easily.

"It's important that we get everything set up right by the time the whistle blows," she said. "There are NCAA rules to follow, such as the start time for the game and player introduction. Plus, it is good to make sure that everything is set up right because it is easier for the teams and coaches. If they're worried about helping get everything ready, it's harder to focus on coaching and playing."

Attending a basketball game, one may not consider the number of people or the amount of time the game they are enjoying took, but that's the beauty of it. If no one notices the setup crew, then they have done their jobs.

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## Dancers thrill spectators

Dragon dance team raises money for cancer, Bratsch during halftime

BY ROSS TORGERSON  
Staff Writer

Despite a blowout loss of 47-0 in Saturday's football game against St. Cloud State, the day was not a complete failure for the Dragons as the football team partnered with the dance team to raise support for cancer awareness and more specifically, a recent MSUM graduate.

The Dragons Athletics department and dance team paired up to host a Halloween Thriller Dance to raise money for MSUM graduate Lisa Bratsch, a veteran member of the dance team.

Bratsch, who graduated from MSUM last spring with a degree in nursing, was recently diagnosed with a PNET brain tumor (Primitive Neuroectodermal Tumor). She has had three surgeries to remove the tumor and will need continuing medical treatment to keep the illness from growing or returning.

The cancerous brain tumor was discovered in July when she began to feel "crummy."

Bratsch is currently staying at Mayo Clinic, receiving daily care and treatment, and is able to go home on weekends.

The fundraiser began Saturday at 11 a.m., with a tailgating event before the football game followed by a half time dance performance of Michael Jackson's hit "Thriller." The dance was put on by the MSUM dance team and several students. Students were allowed to dance after participating in rehearsals prior to the performance.

After the football game, a community-wide trick-or-treat event to raise money took place in the residence halls.

In addition to Saturday's event, the dance team and the Student Nursing Association has been selling



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The Dragon dance team, along with other students, performed a dance to Michael Jackson's "Thriller" during the football game's halftime on Saturday. The dance team performed the dance to raise money for recent MSUM graduate Lisa Bratsch.

teal bracelets for \$2 that say "Love Immensely and Smile Always."

All raised money will help pay for medical needs and support Bratsch's full recovery.

Bratsch told Advocate reporter Nathan Matson that she is appreciative of all the help and support she has received from MSUM. To learn more about Lisa Bratsch's story, go

to <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/lisabratsch>.

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Sports Editor Tim Stulken contributed to this report.

### NOTES FROM NEMZEK

## Dragons split weekend

The Dragon volleyball team was defeated Friday 1-3 by Northern State in Aberdeen, S.D. but picked themselves up to win in a 3-0 sweep of University of Mary Saturday.

Junior Laura Tvrdik lead the team in kills with 22 for the weekend. Meanwhile, junior Leigh Splittstoesser lead the team with 59 sets and freshmen Katy Ness lead the team with 39 digs.

The weekend's games bring the team's record to 19-9 overall and 9-6 in the NSIC putting the team at sixth in the league.

The team continues their two week away stretch this weekend traveling to St. Cloud State Friday and Concordia (SP) Saturday.

## Soccer ends season with a win

The Dragon soccer team won the final game of their regular season Sunday against Southwest Minnesota State University.

The team split the weekend at home losing to MSU Mankato 8-0 and defeating Southwest Minnesota State 2-1.

Freshmen Ashley Gallegos and Jordyn Wallenborn scored the goals that gave MSUM the win.

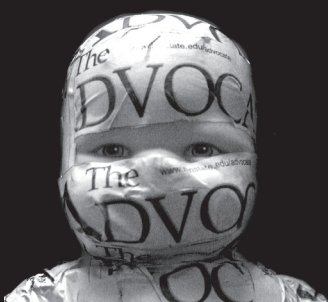
## Football's final home game a bust

The Dragon football team lost its final home game 0-47 Saturday against St. Cloud State. The shutout brings the team's record to 2-8 overall.

The Dragons conclude their season Saturday as the travel to Southwest Minnesota State University.

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# Annual conference dedicated to women

BY JENESSA MCALLISTER  
Staff Writer

The 9th annual Red River Women's Studies Conference will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday. The conference is an annual interdisciplinary women's studies conference about the workplace, community, arts, family, medicine, sports, law, business, science and media.

The keynote speaker will be Dr. Cynthia Norton, professor of biology and women's studies at the Center for Women, Science and Technology at St. Catherine University.

Her discussion is titled, "Intersections of Science and Gender: Possibilities for Collaboration and Transformation."

Some of the sessions include: The Barbie Modification Project, Native American Issues and Historical Perspectives on Gender and Sexuality.

Sessions are presented by faculty members as well as previous and current students.

The conference began at MSUM and is attended each year by roughly 200 students from MSUM, NDSU, Concordia, UND, Winona State,

St. Cloud State, MSU Mankato, Metro State and other area universities.

The conference rotates each year between MSUM, NDSU and UND.

The event is open to anyone, and attendees should register on the morning of the event, which will be held in the CMU.

The MSUM women's studies program started in 1971 and provides an interdisciplinary study of women from the perspectives of the arts, humanities, social and natural sciences.

The conference is centered on something the women's studies department has been focusing on for quite some time now: women entering scientific fields of study.

A new course at MSUM, titled Inclusive Sciences: Women, Gender and Science, has been approved and is part of the newly proposed certificate in women's studies.

"Some of the things we focus on include how and why women are fewer in certain fields of study and how gender is constructed," said Laurie Blunsom, director of women's

studies. "We look at the images of women, most of which are not positive, and how they could be changed."

A major or minor in women's studies can provide many opportunities for graduates.

"Some students go into non-profit work such as First-Link and Planned Parenthood," Blunsom said. "Others choose to go to graduate school to further their education in different areas of study such as English or Sociology."

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## Scorch hands out high fives



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The Dragon mascot, Scorch, hands out high-fives during Saturday's football game against Wayne State.

## Spring registration continues

Spring registration has begun. Log in to e-services to determine when your registration window opens and make an appointment with your advisor to receive your registration access code. Bring a copy of your DARS with you to your appointment.

Also, check to see if you have any holds on your record that might prevent you from registering for spring classes when your window opens.

Registration refresher sessions are available for any student's who want to brush up on Dragon Core, e-services, including how to read your Interactive Degree Audit Report and how to prepare for your meeting with your academic advisor.

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## R.A.D. offers defense opportunities



**Marc Baetsch, a campus security officer, wears the RAD aggressor suit. During the final night of Baetsch's R.A.D. class, students put on protective gear and use the techniques they've learned against him.**

By **TAAREN HAAK**  
Staff Writer

Female students, faculty and staff at MSUM have the opportunity to participate in a free national self-defense program over the next month.

The Rape Aggression Defense System consists of a network of instructors trained in a course designed to promote the knowledge of self-defense for all women, regardless of age, size or economic status, according to the R.A.D. Web site.

MSUM Campus Security Officer Marc Baetsch is the only certified R.A.D. instructor in the F-M area. He will be presenting the women-only course in five class sessions over the next month.

Participants learn important self-defense basics like punching and kicking, and get the opportunity to put them into practice by working with an instructor in special protective gear. They also spend class time discussing issues such as date rape, domestic violence, online safety and safety at home and in the workplace, Baetsch said.

"(The program) empowers women of all ages and abilities by giving them the skills and confidence to defend themselves in a physical confrontation," Baetsch said. "Along with physical techniques, we

teach them to develop a mindset towards personal safety in their daily lives. The students who take R.A.D. are making a commitment to live safely, and the physical defense techniques are just one part of the big picture."

The MSUM Security Department will be paying for all of the costs of this program, including books and safety equipment.

Eleven spots are still open for those who would like to register for the program. The classes are kept small to ensure that each participant receives adequate time with the instructor and has her progress closely monitored.

Participants should make every possible effort to attend all five sessions of the class, as the progressive training builds on techniques learned throughout the program, Baetsch said.

Baetsch will teach the classes from 7 to 9:30 p.m. on Nov. 17 and 19 and Dec. 1, 3 and 8. The location of the classes will be private to ensure the safety and security of the participants.

For more information go to the programs Web site at [www.rad-systems.com](http://www.rad-systems.com). To ask questions of register, e-mail Baetsch at [baetsch@mnstate.edu](mailto:baetsch@mnstate.edu).

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## Campus competition to help fill the dome

Advocate Staff Reports

MSUM is working with Great Plains Food Bank for Fill the Dome 2009. The goal is to fill the entire floor of the Fargodome (80,000 sq. ft) with food for local food pantries.

Fill the Dome started in 2007 and this is the first year MSUM will take part in the idea from the Student Dean Advisory Board for the College of Business and Industry.

There will be a competition on campus to see which "college" (College of Business & Industry, College of Natural & Social Sciences, College of Arts & Humanities, College of Education & Human Services) can donate the most. The winning group will be determined by the weight of goods donated.

Large red bins will be located throughout departmental offices for donation of any nonperishable items are accepted. Donations will begin Monday and run through Nov. 20. Collection and winners will be determined Nov. 23.

Since 2007, 110 tons of food have been collected.

The 3rd Annual Fill the Dome is entirely student-driven and led. The students' goals for the 2009 project include raising \$75,000, collecting 75 tons of food, engaging 7,500 volunteers, and collecting 7,500 signatures.

For more information on the competition or how to donate go to [www.fillthedome.org](http://www.fillthedome.org)

## Minneapolis theater to present autism play

Advocate staff reports

Mixed Blood Theatre presents "Theory of Mind," a new play about a young man with autism, at 7:30 p.m. tonight in Weld Hall Glasrud Auditorium. The play is free and open to the public.

"Theory of Mind" is a sensitive yet unsentimental portrait of Bill, a college-bound 17-year-old with Asperger's Syndrome. He is equipped with scholastic brilliance, but low emotional intelligence; keen self awareness, but an inability to read social cues; and a charming directness. He is uncertain about relationships, anxious about dating and prone to taking everything he hears literally. His

outing with a girl from his school becomes a memorable, insightful look at the tugs, shifts and about-faces found on the autism spectrum.

The play is written by Ken LaZebnik, a veteran Mixed Blood company member whose other writing credits include "Touched by an Angel" and the Mixed Blood-produced plays "Calvinisms," "League of Nations" and "Vestibular Sense." Staged by Mixed Blood Artistic Director Jack Reuler, the production features Skyler Nowinski and Taj Ruler.

The show is one of six culturally specific productions toured annually by Mixed Blood, a Minneapolis-

based multicultural theater company founded in 1976. The others include the Chicano cultural history "Minnekanos;" the Martin Luther King biography "Dr. King's Dream;" "Daughters of Africa," a music-driven history of African American women; and "Hijab Tube," a look at elements of Islam in America. "African America," about at the modern African diaspora, debuts in January.

The performance is sponsored by MSUM Disability Services, Umoja Student Association, MSUM Student Senate, MSUM Multicultural Affairs and the MSUM Women's Center.

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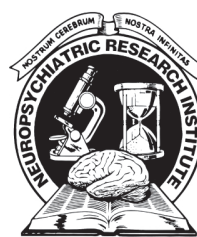
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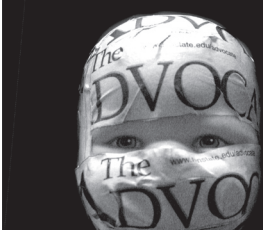
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